zjth November THE EARL OF ESSEX

Two days since, being Sunday, my Lady Essex came to the Court all in black, and all she wore was not valued at .£5 She came to the Countess of Huntingdon's, who came not to her, but by a second means her desire was made known that it would please her to move her Majesty to give her leave to go see my Lord who she had heard had been the night before in great extremity This was all she desired , and answer was returned that she must attend her Majesty's pleasure by the Lords of her Council, and come no more to Court Yesterday at night it was verily believed that the Earl should have been sent to the Tower, *12* of the Guard were appointed to be in readiness, and it was imagined for that purpose , but it fell out otherwise, and one of the Guard that gave it out hath had his coat taken from him, and is committed to prison My Lord is now extreme ill of the stone, strangulation, and grinding of the kidneys, which takes from him his stomach and rest

2%th November PROCEEDINGS IN THE STAR CHAMBER.

To-day, being Thursday, was a Star Chamber day when a public declaration was made by the Lords for the satisfaction of the world of the Earl of Essex's imprisonment The ground of it was that certain slanderous libels have been cast abroad that touch her Sacred Majesty and her Council's proceedings All the Lords of the Council spoke, much blaming the Earl's courses, and a commandment was added that none shall busy themselves in matters of state that concern them not, and for the libels if any hereafter do know the authors and will not reveal them they shall incur the like punishment and danger as the author himself, whosoever he is

The declaration of the Lords in Star Chamber in open court of the Earl's misgovernment in Ireland, where all the errors and faults he committed were plainly set down by them, hath given all the world satisfaction of the just cause her Majesty had to proceed against him To-morrow the Earl's household, being 160, are dispersed, and every man to seek a new fortune; some few are retained to attend bym where it will be her Majesty's will to send him. This is the greatest